

MEREIS PLANNED DEATH FOR THREE.

Would Kill His Wife and Dog and Then Commit Suicide.

IT ALL WENT WRONG.

Mrs. Mereis Broke Up Gun, Dog Declined Poison, and Man Was Arrested.

George Mereis, a Williamsburg machinist, tried to take three lives yesterday and failed ignominiously. His plan was to kill his wife, his dog and himself. All three were alive last night, while Mereis, who was being held down by a policeman in a cell, was clamoring for permission to kill himself.

The machinist lives at No. 94 Meserole street. His wife, whom he wedded seventeen years ago, raised and married off his six children by a former marriage. The husband tried to kill her with a shotgun some time ago, because he was jealous. She dropped on the floor, and a charge of buckshot went over her head. Mereis went to prison for three months for that.

Meant Wholesale Murder.
When a Newfoundland dog was stolen from him a few weeks ago Mereis announced that neither his life nor his wife's had any more charms for him and that he meant to end both soon.

On Monday, while his wife was out, he loaded his shotgun to the muzzle, then hid it under the bed. There Mrs. Mereis found it. Her suspicions were aroused. She attacked the gun with an axe and destroyed it.

The machinist had the scene arranged in his mind. He quarrelled with his wife last night and then reached for the gun. When he found the useless piece he became wild with rage, and, seizing the woman by the throat, choked her. Then he ran out of the house shouting.

When he returned he had a package of arsenic. This he put in some home-made wine. Then he called his pet water spaniel.

Dog Wouldn't Take Poison.

"Fritz," said he, "die together. The dog smelted of the mixture and ran away. The man swallowed the stuff and lay down to die.

The wife screamed and ran for help. Policemen Simons responded. After him came an ambulance with Dr. Halpin. The would-be suicide submitted to the stomach pump, but objected to being arrested.

"Bite him," he said to the spaniel, and the dog attacked the policeman. Mereis did the same and they had a terrific battle. Policemen Simons was bitten on the leg and he had to use his flashlight on the misguided Fritz.

As he threatened to kill himself at the first opportunity, a policeman was sent to watch in his cell in the Stagg street police station.

FIGHT FOR A GUARDIAN FOR A RICH SOCIETY GIRL.

Miss Wright, of Philadelphia, Mentally Impaired, the Cause of Court Proceedings in Cambridge, Mass.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—Miss Wright, worth \$400,000 in her own right, daughter of Joseph Wright, a millionaire, of Philadelphia, and formerly a society woman in the Quaker City, was the subject of a suspended hearing before Judge McFartyre in the Middlesex Probate Court to-day.

Miss Wright is only twenty-three years old. She has been a patient in the McLean Asylum in Waverly. Mrs. T. A. Boggs, her nurse, asked the appointment of a guardian for the girl. The girl's father opposed the application, charging a conspiracy to get possession of her property. Testimony was heard showing that Mr. Wright had been locked in her room at night by her nurse.

Suspension of the case will allow it to go to Philadelphia for a hearing. If the case is not settled she will be brought back here. Mrs. Boggs does not explain why she applied for a guardian for the girl.

A WOMAN'S FIERCE FIGHT WITH A HUGE DEER.

She Had Wounded It With a Rifle and Was Then Attacked By the Animal.

Mount Union, Pa., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Ezra Shoupe, who lives near Saltillo, on looking out of her kitchen window a day or two ago saw a huge buck feeding in a grain field near the house.

Securing her husband's rifle, she cautiously approached within range and shot the buck in the right fore-shoulder. The animal charged and knocked her down before she could reach a place of safety. On regaining her feet she drew a knife from her pocket and fought back. She received several painful wounds from the animal's antlers, which were five pronged. Finally she succeeded in cutting his throat, after her clothing had been nearly torn from her back.

PENSIONS FOR 1,000 TRAINMEN

Pennsylvania Railroad Will Retire That Number of Employees January 1.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—The officers of the proposed pension fund to be inaugurated by the Pennsylvania Railroad on its entire system east of Pittsburgh and Erie have nearly completed their work. It is understood that the pensions will be on a percentage basis of the salary received during the ten years preceding the pension.

About one thousand employees will be retired by the pension fund on January 1. An official of the fund says that its benefits will be extended to the Western system.

OLYMPIA TAR DEAD BY GAS.

His Mate, Also Asphyxiated in Boston Hotel, Dying.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Two sailors from the U. S. S. Olympia were found unconscious from gas poisoning in a bedroom at the Charlesbank Hotel, West End, this morning.

One of the victims died on his way to the hospital. The other was pronounced beyond hope of recovery by the hospital physicians.

The men registered as J. Barrett and N. Peterson.

WOMAN RESCUER IS BURNED.

Mrs. Melvina Pelletier, of Salem, May Die After Saving a Child.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Melvina Pelletier was fatally burned at her home, on Castle Hill, early this morning, while trying to save the life of a child who had fallen while carrying a lighted lamp. The lamp exploded, and, while fighting the flames, Mrs. Pelletier's clothing caught fire.

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DRIVEN FROM CUBA, A WIDOW RETURNS.



Senora Garmina Lopez, Returning Cuban Exile.

Her husband was shot by the Spaniards, and she, with four children, fled from Cuba, leaving a large estate to go to destruction. She is now bound there penniless, but hoping to recover something of the fortune.

Kind Priest Provides the Means Whereby Senora Lopez and Her Children Can Reach What Is Left of Their "Home."

Senora Garmina Lopez is to sail for Havana to-day with her four children—Antonio, fourteen; Jose, eleven; Albert, seven, and Olga Marie, three and a half years of age—from whom official charity would have separated her. She has letters to priests of her native land who may find a way for her to the plantation and the wealth that the war threw into confusion.

She owes this ray of hope to the Rev. Father M. J. Henry, of the Irish Emigrants' Home. He found her at the Barge Office, on Monday, desolate, an emigrant from Brazil, landed penniless from the steamship Wordsworth. The record of her misfortunes had moved the Commissioners. Still, she and her children were in peril of being deported. She would not consent to their seclusion in asylums here for orphans and foundlings. The Rev. Father M. J. Henry intervened.

CURZON'S TOUR OF INDIA A PAGEANT.

Maharajah of Dholpur Receives Them in Gold and Pearls.

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Lucknow, India, Dec. 12.—Viceroy Curzon's tour of India is developing into a grand pageant with many spectacular displays. The municipality of Lucknow presented an address to-day with great ceremony. The Viceroy and his wife spent part of the day sight-seeing, and are guests this evening at Sir Anthony Macdonnell's beautiful garden party.

They drove last week to the ruins of Fatepur Sikri, Emperor Akbar's great city near Agra, and returned the visits of the Rajas and of the Maharajah of Dholpur. The latter had a new set of gold carriage harness for the occasion and wore massive pendants of pearls, of which he has a famous collection.

Among visitors here is Mr. Macauliffe, the great Oriental scholar, who has come to interview the Viceroy in connection with a new translation of the Sikh scriptures, for which the Sikhs memorialized the Viceroy at Lahore last Spring. The Sikh scriptures are the Adi-Granth, written in 1581 by Arjun, the son of Ramdas, and contain the doctrines of Nanak, the founder of what was at first a religious sect.

Dead with Gas Jets Turned On.
Martin Moore, forty-one years old, janitor and manager of the buildings at Nos. 78 and 80 Wall street, was scolded by his wife because he came home intoxicated. After she went to bed he lay down on a sofa, but turning on four gas jets. He was found dead yesterday.

"Captain" Sterkx Indicted.
The United States Grand Jury yesterday indicted Alphonsus Sterkx, captain of the excursion steamer Georgian, on which riot, gambling and robbery occurred in this harbor during the international yacht race on October 7. The indictment charges misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$100.

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GLANDERS KILLS TWENTY HORSES.

Harlem Stable, Infected for a Month, Was Not Quarantined.

AN EPIDEMIC FEARED.

The Board of Health at Last Acts and Orders the Barn Disinfected.

Twenty horses have died of glanders or have been slaughtered because they were infected with the disease, at the livery stable of Frederick Hulberg, No. 231 St. Nicholas avenue. Owners of horses in Harlem are alarmed. They assert that disease has existed in the stable for a month and that it was not properly quarantined. It was not until yesterday that the Board of Health took decisive measures to stamp out the plague.

The first case of glanders in the stable was on November 11, when a horse belonging to Schwaik & Schmetzer, of No. 2270 Eighth avenue, was attacked. The animal, plainly infected, was shot.

Soon afterward a physician attached to the Board of Health visited the livery stable and examined the horses. To most of them he gave anti-toxine injections. These, however, produced no beneficial effect. Every few days more cases developed. It is said that no quarantine was established at all and that the horses, of which there were nearly 100 in the building, went about their labors daily, mixing with other horses on the streets and drinking from common drinking troughs.

Among those who have lost horses from glanders are Monte Quimer of Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Nineteenth street; John L. of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Seventh avenue; Kulsanke of Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Eighteenth street; Sterner & Straus of Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Sixteenth street; H. Walsh, of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Seventh avenue; and L. Goldsmith, of One Hundred and Seventeenth street and Eighth avenue. John Rice, of No. 2270 Eighth avenue, lost two.

Under directions of the Board of Health all the fittings of the cell, which contained six horses, were removed yesterday and removed. The woodwork, straw and furnishings will be burned. This will involve a loss to Hulberg of about \$5,000. He is an undertaker, with an office at No. 285 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. He obtained some fame a few years ago because he buried the first man executed by electricity in this State.

THREE KILLED IN THE WRECK OF THREE TRAINS.

Rear End Collisions in Succession on the Pennsylvania Road at Trenton.

Trenton, Dec. 12.—Three freight trains piled themselves up in a heap on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Schalks, thirteen miles east of here, at 4:30 o'clock this morning in a most remarkable accident. Three lives were lost. The victims were: SPEIGLER, CHARLES, engineer, of Jersey City; HEINKER, JOHN, fireman, twenty-one years, of Newark; and ZOGBAUM, HERMAN, brakeman, thirty-five years, of Elizabeth.

A long freight train was under way, when a coupling broke and divided it into two sections. The engineer slowed down to let the second section, which was coming down the grade, catch up. He miscalculated its speed, and it struck the front section so hard that its first car was derailed. Half a dozen other cars were thrown over on the east-bound track just as an east-bound freight came along.

There was no time for the engineer of the new arrival to pull up. He crashed into the wreckage. A second east-bound freight, following the first, crashed into it, and there was a general upset.

It was the engineer, the fireman and the brakeman of the first east-bound train who were killed. They were caught under the wreck of the engine. They were dead and almost unrecognizable when taken out. Sixty-three cars, with their freight, were piled up, and succeeding trains were stalled until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the ruins were removed.

BOY TORTURES BABY SISTER AND POISONS FAMILY FOOD.

Chicago's Twelve-Year-Old Degenerate Brought Before a Court by His Parents.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Charles Tebo, a boy of twelve, whose case was considered in the Juvenile Court yesterday, is one of the worst specimens of degeneracy ever brought into the court, according to Judge Tutill. He has developed such a cruel and concentrated joy in the family food, and almost unrecognizable when taken out. Sixty-three cars, with their freight, were piled up, and succeeding trains were stalled until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, when the ruins were removed.

One of his habits is poking nails in his baby sister's ear, and the other is dropping concentrated joy in the family food. Mrs. Tebo found the lad hard at work with the nail recently. The baby was shrieking and the boy was laughing in great glee at her cries.

When but five years old he had an incurable habit of cutting or tearing every thing to pieces. Judge Tutill concluded after hearing the evidence that a medical examination was the best thing for the boy.

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The cars were filled with passengers and there was a hurried scramble to get out, but no one was injured.

MILLIONAIRE'S HEIR A NAVAL RIFLE TARGET.

John Beattie Narrowly Escapes Being Killed While on His Way to a Hearing of the Will Contest.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—John Beattie, of Fall River, a passenger on the steamer General, on his way to this city to-day, to defend his inheritance under the will of his father, the late millionaire quarry owner, narrowly escaped death from a bullet fired from the United States Naval Station, off Newport. It was a bad case of target practice, for the shot entered the cabin in which he was standing, and passing within a few inches of his head, lodged in the door. The contest over the will was begun this afternoon in the Probate Court. It bids fair to be a long litigation.

PHILADELPHIA MAKES BID FOR THE CONVENTION.

Quaker City Presents Her Inducements to the President, Who Makes No Promises.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The contest over the place for holding the next National Republican Convention was begun at the White House to-day, with Philadelphia making the first effort to secure the favor of the President. A large delegation saw the President and explained to him the hopes of that city. The delegation was headed by Senator Penrose, with J. F. McLaughlin as spokesman. A large delegation from Chicago is expected to arrive to-morrow.

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